

SRI M. Y. GHORPADE.— I do not want to condemn any officer unnecessarily. It was pointed out that this will go contrary to the High Court order, and the matter was corrected. There the matter ends. So far as the other larger issue is concerned, I have already stated that it will be done within 15 days.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೊಣಾದೂರು ಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ. — ಇದನ್ನು ಇಷ್ಟು ವಿಳಂಬ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದರಿಂದ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ೧೦ ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು ನಷ್ಟವಾಗಿದೆ. ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ೭೩ ಜನಗಳಿಗೆ ಚಿಂಪರಾಯಾಗಿ ಪ್ರಮೋಷನ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅವರಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ಸುಖಾತರ ಆ ಆಧಿಕಾರಿಯ ಕೋಮಿಗೆ ಸೇರಿದವರು. ಕಂಟ್ರೋಲರ್ ಅವರ ಜಿ ತಿ ಯವರು. ನ್ಯಾಯವಾಗಿ ನೋಡಿದರೆ ಪ್ರಮೋಷನ್ ಕೊಡುವಾಗ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಬೆಲೆ ಇರಬೇಕು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ವೈ. ಫೋರ್ಪಡೆ — ಹೈಕೋರ್ಟ್ ತೀರ್ಮಾನ ಜಾರಿಗೆ ತರಲೇ ಬೇಕು. ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವ ಒಂದು ಕುತಂತ್ರವೂ ನಡೆದಿಲ್ಲ. ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಡಿಪಾರ್ಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟಿನಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಕೂಡ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾಸಾದವರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಮೋಷನ್ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೇವೆ.

(ii) re : break down of K S R T C buses on the way during journey

SRI B. G. BANKAR. — I call the attention of the Minister for Transport and Tourism to the inconvenience caused to travelling public on account of breakdowns of KSRTC buses on the way during the journey

SRI M. MOHAMED ALI (Minister for Transport and Tourism).— I wish to state on follows :

Due to acute shortage of new tyres in the Market, the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation is forced to operate a number of service without stepney with/ slightly bald tyres. As a result a few break-downs have occurred where the vehicles were standard enroute on account of the tyre puncture inconveniencing the passengers travelling.

2. Some of these break-downs have not been attended to promptly by the drivers which has inconvenienced the travelling public. On enquiry, it is learnt from the Corporation that adequate tools were not carried by these drivers. Disciplinary action will be taken against the drivers and the head of the concerned department who are squarely responsible for this. Corporation has taken to fit good tyres on all long distance buses, luxury buses and night services and all these vehicles are normally equipped with vehicle tools.

3. Recently, State Government has entered into a power deal with the Tamilnadu Government wherein powers has been supplied by Karnataka State Electricity Board to Tamilnadu State Electricity Board for the tyre manufacturing factories situated in Tamilnadu so that the extra production of tyres on account of this additional power will be earmarked exclusively for the two State Governments and the same distributed on an agreed formula between the two State Governments for their Road Transport Corporations and other public undertakings in their respective States.

4. A total number of 10,000 tyres is expected to be produced on account of this power deal and our State will get 7000 tyres.

5. Suitable action is being taken to ensure that all vehicles carry necessary tools.

6. In addition to the above reasons, it may also be mentioned that the break-downs enroute are not due only to punctures and on tyres. The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation fleet consists of nearly 1000 vehicles which have out-lived their serviceable life. But owing to paucity of funds, it has not been possible to replace them. Therefore these old vehicles in the fleet also contribute considerably to the number of break-downs owing to mechanical failures of various sorts.

7. However, efforts are being made to replace about 500 to 600 vehicles within the course of the next two years. Twenty five thirty seater luxury buses are being brought on the road for the long distance journeys within a month and as a matter of fact the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation has been instructed to operate such buses for a distance of 250 K. M. from Bangalore. Replacement has also not been possible because of the fact that no substantial funds have been provided under the Transport Sector during the last three successive plans.

8. It is a fact that some of the break-downs are due to unsatisfactory maintenance regarding which government have given suitable instructions to the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಜಿ. ಬಣಕಾರ್.—ಪ್ರಯಾಣಿಕರಿಗೆ ಏನಾದರೂ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾದಾಗ, ಮತ್ತು ಡ್ರೈವರ್ ಮತ್ತು ಕಂಡಕ್ಟರ್ ಸೌಜನ್ಯದಿಂದ ನಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳದಿದ್ದರೆ, ಅದನ್ನು ಮೇಲಿನ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ತರಲು ಈಗ ಯಾವ ಸಲಕರಣೆಯೂ ಇಲ್ಲ, ಬಸ್‌ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಕಂಪ್ಲೈಂಟ್ ಬುಕ್‌ಗಳು ಇರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ, ಇನ್ನು ಮುಂದೆ ಪ್ರತಿ ಬಸ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಕಂಪ್ಲೈಂಟ್ ಬುಕ್ ಇಡಬೇಕೆಂಬುದು ಆದೇಶ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

SRI M. MOHAMED ALI.—The suggestion made by the hon. Member will be taken note of. What I suggest is this. Direct complaint that is made to the Chairman or the General Manager or to me, will certainly be taken cognizance of. In case the complaint books are kept in the buses, I do not know when it will come to my notice or to the notice of the Government. It will take a very long time.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

SRI D. K. NAIKAR (Minister for Law and Municipal Administration).—I beg to lay :

The Annual Financial Statement of the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board for the year 1972-73,

Under Section 17(3) of the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Act, 1964.